

## Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

### Week of: Mar. 6

I have been reflecting on the fact the God never stops loving each of us. There are no “conditions” to His love; there is simply no limit to God’s love for us. If I stumble and turn away from Him, God will still embrace me and celebrate my return. *Luke 15:11-32*

As we continue on our Lenten journeys, each of us will inevitably make a mistake or a fateful decision that turns us away from God. Frustration, fear and loneliness will come when we are lost. When I think about a time I have been separated from God’s love and I am walking alone- scripture reminds me to picture God running towards me with open arms! Please share with your students this week the message of God’s loving forgiveness and mercy.

### Please read this email thoroughly to ensure you don’t miss out on any important information

### CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>!

#### Gr. 1: Wed. Mar. 6: Parent and Youth Session- Tour of Our Church

- Attend the PaY session “Tour of the Church;” for gr.1 students and their parent(s)

**Gr. 2-6:** Regular classes on Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 5:30-6:45pm

**Gr. 7-9:** Regular classes on Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 7:00-8:15pm

**Gr. 10:** NO classes on Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 7:00-8:15pm

#### Gr. 2: Sacrament of First Communion: Important Notes

- An email detailing the instructions to a sign-up for which Mass your child will attend will be sent mid- to late-March. A link will be provided to fill out your Mass preference and how many immediate family members will be attending the Mass for pew reservations.
- Students will be sent home after class with poster boards and instructions on Wednesday, March 6. Please contact Neila Duchene if your child is absent that day for poster board pick-up instructions.
- The First Communion Mass rehearsal dates and times have been posted ([Calendars - Our Living Water](#)). Please attend the location that your child will be receiving their sacrament.

#### All Parents: Tuesday, Mar. 5: “Chosen” viewing & discussion 6:00-7:45pm

- At the Church of St. Mary, there will be a viewing of the popular multi-season series “Chosen.” A discussion will be held afterwards. The historical fictional drama series depicts the life of Jesus, shown through the eyes of those who knew Him. This event will run every Tuesday, 2/20-4/2, from 6-7:45pm.

#### All Grades: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 4:45-6:50pm

- Students in gr.9 Lana Palmer’s classroom: help serve food & clean tables during the Family Meal. Students will have class following during normal class times. *Helping with the Family Meal is not mandatory. Those students who are able to help can log their volunteer time in their Individual Service Hours sheets.*
- Lana, because she’s awesome ☺, will be in class teaching gr.6 during the Family Meal. Her gr.9 students will be under the supervision of Naomi Wig for the Family Meal.

#### All Families: Friday, Mar. 8: Stations of the Cross and Soup Dinner

- At Our Lady of the Lakes, join in the Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm followed by a Soup Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to join fellow parishioners in a devotion to Jesus’ last days on earth. It is open to everyone, so please consider partaking in this event with your family.

#### All Families: KC Spicer Sausage and Egg Breakfast: Sunday, March 10 at 9:30am

- All families are invited to join in the Spicer KC Breakfast held on Sunday, Mar.10 following the 8:30am Mass

**All Grades: Teaching Mass on Wed., Mar. 13**

- There will be a Teaching Mass on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Our Lady of the Lakes
- This opportunity is for all students, gr.1-10, and families to attend. The Mass is the Faith Formation class and attendance is expected.
- Please welcome grandparents, friends and fellow parishioners to these events as well; this is a wonderful event to learn more about our Catholic Mass and share in a deeper understanding of our faith.

**All Grades: No Classes on Wed., Mar. 20 & Wed., Mar. 27**

- There will not be classes on Wed., Mar. 20 due to Spring Break.
- There will not be classes on Wed., Mar. 27 due to Easter and Holy Week.
- All classes resume on Wed., Apr. 3 as scheduled. *If your family was unable to attend the Teaching Mass on March 13, please attend the Teaching Mass on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Church of St. Mary in Willmar.*

Blessings,

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